

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

B1 1. (*Currently Amended*) A user registration supporting system which supports a user, who uses a multi-component product including a plurality of products provided by a plurality of companies, in applying for user registration for the plurality of products, said system comprising:

a user-information database which stores user information including a plurality of data items ~~and regarding the user~~;

a user-information providing section which provides said user-information database with the user information; and

a to-be-registered information generating section which receives specification information from each of the plurality of companies for specifying the at least one data item required by a plurality of companies for the user registration from a plurality of company terminals which are connected through a network and used by the respective companies, the specification information received from each company specifying at least one data item required for user registration, extracts at least one data item specified by the specification information, from the user information stored in said user-information database, and generates to-be-registered information for each used by each of the plurality of companies for the user registration based on the specification information received for each company, and

wherein said system can generate the to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies at once, based on the user information.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
U.S. APPLICATION NO. 09/838,342
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. Q64164

B1
2. (*Previously Presented*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 1,
further comprising

a company-information database which stores the specification information, and
wherein said to-be-registered information generating section generates the to-be-
registered information, based on the specification information of each of the plurality of
companies which is stored in said company-information database.

3. (*Currently Amended*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2,
~~wherein~~ further comprising a user registration section which registers the to-be-registered
information for each of the plurality of companies.

4. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2, wherein said
to-be-registered information generating section detects that new user information is stored in said
user-information database, and generates to-be-registered information from the new user
information.

B1

5. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 4, wherein:

said user information includes identification information for identifying the multi-component product used by the user;

said company-information database stores information regarding the plurality of companies providing the products according to multi-component product; and

said to-be-registered information generating section specifies the plurality of companies providing each of the products used by the user, from the information regarding the plurality of companies and stored in said company-information database, based on the identification information included in the user information, and generates the to-be-registered information according to product.

6. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 5, wherein:

each of said plurality of companies is a seller or manufacturer of each of the products included in the multi-component product used by the user;

the identification information is information regarding a model name and/or model number of the multi-component product; and

said to-be-registered information generating section specifies a seller or manufacturer for providing each of the products, from the information regarding the plurality of companies and stored in said company-information database, based on the information regarding the model name and/or model number of the multi-component product.

B1
7. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 5, comprising a communications section which is connected, through a network, to a plurality of company terminals used respectively by the plurality of companies providing the plurality of products, and sends the to-be-registered information generated by said to-be-generated information generating section to each of the company terminals.

8. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 7, wherein:
said communications section is connected to a user terminal which is used by the user through a network, and receives the user information from the user terminal; and
said user-information providing section provides said user-information database with the user information which is received by said communications section.

9. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2, wherein:
the user information is correction information which is formed by correcting the user information stored in said user-information database;
said to-be-registered information generating section extracts an item which differs from an item included in the user information stored in the user-information database, from the correction information, specifies a company requesting the extracted item for the user registration, based on the specification information stored in said company-information database, and newly generates to-be-registered information for the specified company.

10. (*Previously Presented*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2,
wherein:

the user information includes information regarding a product demanded by the user;

said company-information database stores information regarding a product provided by a
company;

said to-be-registered information generating section extracts at least one company which
can provide the product demanded by the user from said company-information database, based
on the information regarding the product demanded by the user, and generates the to-be-
registered information based on the specification information of the extracted company, and
wherein said system includes

a communications section which is connected to a plurality of company terminals used by
the respective companies and to a user terminal used by the user through a network, receives the
user information from the user terminal, sends the information regarding the product demanded
by the user and the to-be-registered information to a company terminal used by the company
extracted by said to-be-registered information generating section, and sends, to the user terminal,
information designating at least one company which the to-be-registered information generating
section extracted and the information sent to the company terminal.

B1
11. (*Currently Amended*) A method for supporting a user, who uses a multi-component product including a plurality of products provided by a plurality of companies, in applying for user registration for the plurality of products, said method comprising:

storing user information including a plurality of data items ~~and regarding the user~~;

receiving specification information from each of the plurality of companies for specifying the at least one data item required by a plurality of companies for the user registration from a plurality of company terminals which are connected through a network and used by the respective companies, the specification information received from each company specifying at least one data item required for user registration; and

extracting at least one data item specified by the specification information~~[[,]]~~ from the stored user information, and generating to-be-registered information for used by each of the plurality of companies for the user registration based on the specification information received for each company, thereby to generate the to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies at once, based on the user information.

12. (*Currently Amended*) The method according to claim 11, wherein said generating includes generating the to-be-registered information~~[[,]]~~ based on specification information stored in a company-information database ~~storing the specification information~~.

13. (*Original*) The method according to claim 12, further comprising registering the to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies.

B1
14. (*Original*) The method according to claim 12, wherein said generating includes detecting that new user information is stored in a user-information database, and generating to-be-registered information from the new user information.

15. (*Original*) The method according to claim 14, wherein:
said user information includes identification information for identifying the multi-component product used by the user;
the company-information database stores information regarding the plurality of companies providing the products according to multi-component product; and
said generating includes
specifying the plurality of companies providing each of the products included in the multi-component product used by the user, from the information regarding the plurality of companies and stored in the company-information database, based on the identification information included in the user information, and generating to-be-registered information according to product.

B/ 16. (*Original*) The method according to claim 15, wherein:
each of the plurality of companies is a seller or manufacturer of each of the products
included in the multi-component product used by the user;
the identification information is information regarding a model name and/or model
number of the multi-component product; and
said generating includes
specifying a seller or manufacturer for providing each of the products, from the
information regarding the plurality of companies and stored in the company-information
database, based on the information regarding the model name and/or model number of the multi-
component product.

17. (*Original*) The method according to claim 15, further comprising sending the to-be-
registered information which is generated by said generating to a plurality of company terminals
which are used respectively by the plurality of companies providing the products, through a
network.

18. (*Original*) The method according to claim 17, further comprising receiving the user
information from a user terminal used by the user through a network, and
wherein said storing includes providing the user-information database with the user
information which is received by said receiving.

B1 19. (*Original*) The method according to claim 12, wherein:
the user information is correction information which is formed by correcting the user
information stored in the user-information database; and

said generating includes
extracting at least one data item which differs from a data item included in the
user information stored in the user-information database, from the correction information,
specifying at least one company which requests the extracted at least one data
item for user registration, based on the specification information stored in the company-
information database, and
newly generating to-be-registered information for the specified at least one
company.

20. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 12, wherein:
the user information includes information regarding a product demanded by the user;
the company-information database stores information regarding a product provided by a
company; and

said generating includes
extracting at least one company which can provide the product demanded by the
user from the company-information database, based on the information regarding the product
demanded by the user, and generates the to-be-registered information based on the extracted
specification information of the extracted company,

B1 receiving user information from a user terminal used by the user through a network,

sending the information regarding the product demanded by the user and the to-be-registered information to a company terminal used by the company extracted by said generating, through a network, and

sending, to the user terminal, information designating at least one company which has been extracted and the information sent to the company terminal.

21. (*Currently Amended*) A computer readable recording medium which records a program for controlling a computer to execute:

storing user information including a plurality of data items regarding a user who uses a multi-component product including a plurality of products provided by a plurality of companies;

receiving specification information from each of the plurality of companies for specifying the at least one data item required by a plurality of companies for the user registration from a plurality of company terminals which are connected through a network and used by the respective companies, the specification information received from each company specifying at least one data item required for user registration; and

extracting a data item specified by the specification information[[,]] from the stored user information, and generating to-be-registered information for ~~used by~~ each of the plurality of companies for the user registration at once, based on the specification information received for each company.